

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Examiner's communication dated June 13, 2007

I. Introduction

Claims 1–35 are pending in the above application.

Claims 1, 7, 17, 23 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Claims 2-6, 8-16, 18-22, 24 and 28 to 35 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

II. Amendments

First, applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-6, 8-16, 18-22, 24 and 28 to 35 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The applicant has amended independent claims 1, 17 and 25 to incorporate the allowable subject matter as provided by the Examiner above. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 9; claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 18; and claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 28.

In addition applicant has added new claims 36 to 39: new claim 36 combines independent claim 17 with claim 23 and the allowable claim 24; new claim 37 combines independent claim 25 and allowable claim 30; new claim 38 combines independent claim 25 and allowable claim 32; and new claim 39 combines independent claim 25 and allowable claim 34.


III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1, 7, 17, 23 and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Frederick et al. (5,867,258). In view of this amendment which incorporates into the main independent claims the allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner and as identified above, applicant submits that this objection no longer applies.

Applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any concerns with the claims as amended, applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned at (416) 957-1697 to discuss the case and avoid the expense and time of issuing a further communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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